

BASE BALL, BOXING AND ALL LIVE SPORTS

MUSCLES HELP MYERS

Elmer Myers Worked in Blacksmith's Shop When a Boy.

Manager Connie Mack Says Youngster is Greatest Pitcher He Ever Developed—Has Splendid Control and Curve Ball.

Muscles developed as a kid puffing bellows and managing the anvil in his dad's blacksmith shop in New York Springs, Adams county, Pennsylvania, are making Elmer Myers famous.

"Myers is the greatest young pitcher I have ever developed. Better than Plank, Bender or Coombs? Yes, sir! Myers does not know as much about pitching as these old stars, but right today he is a better pitcher than any of them were in their prime."

That is Connie Mack's tribute to the graduate blacksmith.

The youngster is a right-hander, stands six feet three inches tall, and has a long pair of arms, which aid him in getting closer to the batsman before he lets the ball go out of his hand.

The youngster has splendid control, a corking curve ball and a graceful,

FEAT OF LAST WORLD'S SERIES OUTDONE



PARTICIPANTS IN GREAT BASEBALL PLAYS.

The most sensational play of the last world's series was outdone in the first inning of a recent Indian-White Sox game when Chick Gandil deflected Fournier's smash to Ivan Howard and then raced back to first in time to take Howard's throw.

That gave Gandil both an assist and putout on the same out at first. In the big series Dode Paskert was the victim of a putout which fairly made spectators and scribes bubble over with enthusiasm. Hoblitzel, Red Sox first sacker, deflected the smash, and Second Sacker Jack Barry fielded it one-handed to Pitcher Foster, who covered first.

In this Indian play, Gandil not only had a furious smash to deflect, but he had to use a quick noodle in turning back to first instead of dashing after the ball.

PIRATES TWICE BUY BIGBEE

First Signed in 1914 and Let Go Without Even So Much as Trial—Now Costs \$5,000.

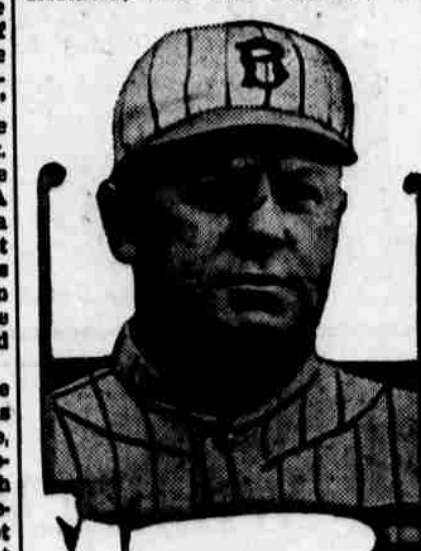
Along in 1914 a youngster named Bigbee was proving a sensation with the baseball team of the University of Oregon and a crafty and far-seeing Pittsburgh scout signed him—and then somebody back in Pittsburgh released him without even so much as a trial. The youngster finished school and went out to make his way in baseball.

A couple of weeks ago the Pittsburgh club paid \$5,000 to Tacoma for his contract. He is the same Carson Bigbee released by Pittsburgh without a looking over in 1914. The scouts who have watched his work say he is not a second Ty Cobb, but rather he is a second Willie Keeler. He is a little faster, fast as a flash, who can hit, run and field, and unless the dope is all wrong he should be a star in the game for some time to come.

SEVEN HITS IN SINGLE GAME

Wilbur Robinson Performed That Feat While Playing With Baltimore Twenty-Four Years Ago.

How many baseball fans ever witnessed a player making seven hits in a game? Not many, for there have been very few instances that a player ever accomplished the feat. The only man who ever performed that unusual stunt in the National league was Wilbur Robinson, then with Baltimore and



Wilbur Robinson.

now manager of the Brooklyn leaders in the National league race. It was in 1892 when "Hobby" made his seven straight hits in a game against St. Louis. In this contest the Baltimore team scored 25 runs on 25 hits, against four runs made by St. Louis. One of Robinson's hits was a double, but he was not much faster than he is now, for all he could do was to score a single run during the game.

CONNIE MACK IS CONFIDENT

Great Team in the Making, Says Athletic Leader—Disappointed in Showing of Recruits.

"I have everything I own tied up in the Athletics, and am doing what I know is best. I believe I know the baseball business, and am coming back with a greater team than ever before. That's what Connie Mack says of his Athletics."

"I don't believe in building up a ball team as other managers do, and therefore I care nothing about the charges made by critics. I have the foundation for a great club right now. I admit that I am disappointed at the showing of several of my recruits and a few of the veterans, but we have others coming who will fill the bill if these youngsters fail."

HARD TO GET STARTED

Eddie Cicotte Had Much Trouble in Landing in Majors.

Famous "Knuckle" Ball Artist Was Ambitious to Play With Detroit Tigers—Made Reputation in Western League Circuit.

Eddie Cicotte, the famous slab artist of the White Sox, had his full share of ups and downs before he finally succeeded in breaking into the majors to stay awhile. "Knuckles" was born in Detroit 82 years ago and it was the ambition of his youth to land a job with the Tigers of his native city, but he didn't succeed. After making a name for himself with semipro clubs in Detroit and with the Calumet club, Eddie was given a tryout by the Striped Cats, but Bill Armour, after looking over Cicotte's wares, sent him off to Augusta, Ga. Having won 15 games to nine lost in the Sal circuit, Eddie was recalled to Detroit in August, but was released to Indianapolis the following season. He had but a brief stay in Hoosierdom and was then turned over to Des Moines, winning



Eddie Cicotte.

18 games and losing half as many. At the close of the Western league season Eddie was recalled by the Tigers, but was sent back to the Western in 1907, landing with the Lincoln club. It was while twirling in Bill Bryan's town that Eddie made a reputation that insured a major league berth. He won 23 games and lost only ten for the Nebraska capital, and the Red Sox nabbed him. He remained with the Bostonians until the middle of the 1912 season, making a good record, when he was transferred to the Comiskey clan.

LARRY CHENEY USES SPITTER

Brooklyn Pitcher Relates First Experience With Curve Ball—Will Experiment Again.

"I pitched my first curve ball in the National league during our last trip to Pittsburgh," said Larry Cheney, one of Brooklyn's star pitchers, the other day. "I have never had a curve, and every player and manager in the majors knows it."

"I have always depended on my fast one—my spitter—and using my head, but I have lately been working with a curve, and think I will fool a lot of the wise boys."

"I took a chance in the fifth inning against Pittsburgh when Bob Harmon was up, with two out, and we were four runs to the good. I offered Bob as nice a curve as you ever saw. He came near making a hit off me, but McCarty made a great play and retired him. I'll try the experiment again."

NO PRIVATE DRESSING ROOM

Manager Mathewson of Cincinnati Seeks Locker in Main Room With Other Players.

Christy Mathewson had just signed his contract as manager of the Reds. His next move was to visit the club house in the Cincinnati park. The trainer, Doc Hoskins, acting as pilot to the old master, paused in his march to explain.

"There's the manager's private dressing room and office," he said, opening the door of the quarters which had been sacred to Herzog. "Never mind that room, Doc. Matty quickly replied. 'I shan't need it. Just give me a locker out in the main room with the rest of the boys. I'm a player and I want to be with the other players.'"

HASBROOK GOOD AS PITCHER

Former Muscatine Star Infielder Proves Successful as Twirler Against Cedar Rapids.

Eggy Hasbrook, the star infielder of the Muscatine Central association club, who was purchased by the Chicago White Sox a few days ago, tried his hand on the mound and proved a success as a pitcher when he shut out the Cedar Rapids club recently in the second game of a double header, 10 to 0. Hasbrook took to the mound like a regular twirler and let his opponents down with one hit.

BOSTON BRAVES ARE AN EXPENSIVE LOT



BASEBALL MEN WHO RECEIVE BIG MONEY.

The Boston National league club does not exploit the fact in the papers, but it is true, nevertheless, that the Braves' pay roll is probably the largest of any club in either major league.

Percy D. Haughton pulls down a princely salary as president of the club to represent the wealthy Boston men who are associated with him in the ownership of the team. Then there is Manager George T. Stallins, who last spring signed a five-year contract with the present owners at \$18,000 per year. Johnny Evers, captain of the team, is pulling down \$10,000 in addition to all sorts of bonuses, while First Baseman Konetchy, ranking next, is good for \$8,000. The entire pay roll for the season is probably very close to \$150,000, or \$12,500 every semi-monthly pay day during the six months of the championship season.

DIAMOND NOTES

Batsmen say Bob Groom is better than he ever was.

The Dodgers look like real winners to New York and Brooklyn scribes.

The St. Louis Browns possess a batting punch to help out their pitchers.

Several scouts are said to be angling for Leo Witter, the Newark outfielder.

We don't know who the father of baseball is, but we bet he was always turned down for world's series tickets.

Honus Wagner spoke a mouthful when he said that many a ball player declines because he doesn't decline enough.

Frank Gilhooley has discarded his crutches and is now able to use the foot which he injured at Washington on July 3.

When Raden is through with baseball he ought to make a good waiter. He gets more free passes than any other player.

McGraw denies the report that he proposes to quit the Giants at the close of the 1917 season. The Giants quit McGraw last year.

"Remember that umpires are human," advises the New York Evening Sun. So are burglars, highway robbers and other malefactors.

"Miller Huggins," we read, "has done well with the Cardinals under the circumstances." The circumstances are that they are the Cardinals.

An expert steps to bat with the statement that a player wears out his effectiveness if retained too long on one club. For instance, there's Hans Wagner.

Silk O'Loughlin says he got his nickname when he was a kid and wore silky ringlets on his dome. Always thought it was because all the players say his decisions are as fine as silk.

Many People Outside of Washington Would Like to See Championship Team in That City.

A good many people outside of Washington would be glad to see the baseball team from that city win a pennant. Washington is one of the oldest baseball towns in the United States. It has had a team for time immemorial and it has never yet shown in front. It would seem that the time spent in the national pastime and the loyalty of the people back of the team ought almost to be enough to warrant a pennant for that city, says Milwaukee Sentinel. Unfortunately, perhaps, pennants have to be won in other ways.

JOHNSON TO TEST SPITBALL

American League Batters Hoping He Doesn't Employ Moist Delivery as Regular Thing.

Walter Johnson is cultivating a spitball, according to his catcher, Eddie Ahlsmith.

American league batters are hoping the speed king doesn't employ the moist delivery as a regular thing for, if he ever gains control, there'll not be an unblighted spine in the league in three months.

OUR LEADING CLUBS

Moulders of Public Opinion and Assembling Places for Citizens in This City.

The Eagle Presents Its Galaxy of the Leading Political and Social Organizations.

Following are the locations of the leading self-sustaining clubs of Chicago:

Apollo Club, 202 S. Michigan ave. Bohemia Club—3659 Douglas boulevard.

Builders', 412-418 Chamber of Commerce building.

Calumet, Michigan ave. and 30th st. Carlton, Tenth floor, Fine Arts bldg. Chicago Athletic Association, 13 S. Michigan ave.

Chicago Architectural, Art Institute.

Chicago Automobile, 321 Plymouth court.

Chicago Club, Michigan ave. and Van Buren street.

Chicago Cycling, 1615, 37 East Van Buren street.

Chicago Motor Club, 1250 South Michigan avenue.

Chicago Yacht, foot of Monroe st. City Club, 315 Plymouth court.

Club Dwellers, 216 S. Michigan ave. Colonial Club of Chicago, 4448 Grand boulevard.

Columbia Yacht, foot of Randolph street.

Elks, Grand Pacific Hotel (temporary), pending completion of new club house at 174 West Washington street.

Edgebrook, 6323 Harvard avenue. Edgewater Country, 5688 Winthrop avenue.

Farragut Yacht Club, foot of 394 st. Germania Mesnerchor, 108 Germania place.

Hamilton, 20 S. Dearborn st. Illinois Athletic, 113 S. Michigan avenue.

Irish Fellowship Club, La Salle Hotel.

Iroquois, 21 N. La Salle st. Illinois, 113 S. Ashland boulevard.

Jefferson, Dearborn ave. and Maple street.

Kenwood, Lake ave. and 47th st. Kenwood Country, Drexel boulevard and 48th street.

Mid-Day, First National Bank bldg., 17th floor.

Oaks, Lake st. and Waller ave. Press Club of Chicago, City Hall Square Building.

Quadrangle, Lexington avenue and 58th street.

Rotary, 38 South Dearborn st. Saddle and Cycle, Sheridan Road and Foster avenue.

South Shore Country, lake shore and 67th street.

Southern, 26 N. Dearborn street. Speedway Park Club, 140 S. Dearborn street.

Standard, Michigan ave. and 34th street.

Swedish Club of Chicago, 1255 La Salle avenue.

Twentieth Century, 3346 Michigan avenue.

Union League, Jackson boulevard and Federal street.

University, Michigan avenue and Monroe street.

A. T. Koehne of 1100 Webster avenue, is frequently mentioned for Alderman of the Twenty-fourth ward, although he is not looking for any office himself.

John J. Calnan, the well known plumber at 440 South Dearborn street, makes friends out of everybody he does business with by his straightforward methods.

Charles S. Thornton, the well known lawyer, has honored every office he ever filled from president of the board of education to corporation counsel.

Thomas D. Nash would make a splendid Judge of the Municipal Court. He is a thorough lawyer and has the training temperament and all the accessories that go to make a good judge.

The Lyon Brand tires are in great demand. The Auto Tire Sales Company at 1346 Michigan avenue, of which T. S. Shattuo is the manager, never hear anything but words of praise for the Lyon Brand, of which they sell an immense number, both at wholesale, to the trade and retail to private individuals.

Matt Aller would make a good City Treasurer. He is a sterling Democrat and has worked hard to put many good men into public office.

Henry Stuckart made a good record as City Treasurer, a good record as South Town assessor and a good record as alderman. He certainly will make a good record as county treasurer.

John S. Cooper, the veteran horse dealer, is honored at the Stock Yards and everywhere else for his upright career.

Edward J. Birt, the well known brewer, makes friends everywhere he goes and would make a great race for public office if he would allow his name to be used.

John E. Vogelzang is the dean of Chicago restaurant men.

CUBS HOME GAMES. September 30, October 1....St. Louis



Elmer Myers.

easy delivery, which gets the ball over the plate almost before the batter realizes it. In three games against Washington, Detroit and St. Louis in the same week, only twelve hits were made off him.

Mack predicts that before the end of next season Myers will rank with Walter Johnson and Grover Alexander.

GEORGE SISLER'S GREAT AIM

Took Up Baseball Because of Financial Returns—Will Devote Time in Winter to Engineering.

"I took up professional baseball after receiving a diploma in mechanical engineering at the University of Michigan because the financial returns were there," remarked George Sisler of the St. Louis Browns, the other day. "A man starting in a profession finds it hard at first, as money comes in slowly and there is much work and worry."

"I intend to use the winter months to advantage, however, by keeping in touch with engineering. Baseball is a grand game and I want to get to the top if possible. At the present rate, I think I can retire in 12 years with a fortune."

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